

further shots in the air, but not in anybody's direction. As the gunman's attention turned to Constables Bush and Daniels, Constable Marks moved in closer. He saw that both suspects had walked into a slight clearing and that the gunman was trying to reload the rifle. He took this opportunity to rush the gunman, forcing him to the ground. At the same time Constables Bush and Daniels moved in and assisted in the arrest of the gunman and his female accomplice, both of whom received substantial sentences of imprisonment for the robbery concerned.

Andrew Michael KEYTE, Constable, Metropolitan Police  
Deborah Karen WRIGHT, former Constable, Metropolitan Police

For services in chasing two suspected armed robbers, during which time they were fired upon on a number of occasions.

Constables Keyte and Wright were on patrol in their police car when they saw two men acting suspiciously, running between two cars in a car park. As the officers stopped to investigate the men got into one of the cars, a white Cavalier, and drove off, passing the police car at high speed.

During the subsequent eight minute high speed chase through a residential area one of the men, who was in the back seat of the car, smashed the rear windscreen and pointed a handgun towards the police car. Despite seeing this and hearing the sound of gun shots on three separate occasions PC Keyte continued the chase, while PC Wright was continuing to give an account of what was happening over the radio. As the police car got closer, a fourth burst of shots was fired, hitting the vehicle and causing it to drop back slightly. But it still continued to pursue the vehicle. Shortly after this the police car was involved in a collision and took no further part in the pursuit. One of the suspects was later arrested.

Kevin ASHMORE, Constable, Kent Constabulary  
Michael John DAVIS, Constable, Kent Constabulary  
Richard John Steven WATSON, Constable, Kent Constabulary

For services in arresting a man armed with a shotgun who was firing indiscriminately.

Constables Watson, Davis and Ashmore were alerted to an armed suspect who was walking down a road and who had fired several shots indiscriminately. Constable Davis (unarmed) arrived at the scene first and positioned his vehicle behind other police vehicles already following the suspect. The suspect fired a shot at the police hitting Constable Davis' car.

An Armed Response Unit, containing Constables Watson and Ashmore then arrived and the Unit Constables drew their weapons and put on body armour before leaving the vehicle. They positioned themselves on either side of the road, about 100 yards behind the man and in front of the police vehicles. In response to the armed officers' shouted warning, the suspect aimed and fired his gun at them. Constable Ashmore then entered a field to the right of the road to try and get ahead of the gunman. Constable Watson walked along the left side of the road to keep the suspect in view ordering him to put down his weapon. On several occasions the suspect fired at both Constables and at the following police vehicles.

Realising that the suspect was nearing a built-up area, increasing the risk to the public, Constable Davis drove his car forward to pick up Constable Watson. They then slowly drove towards the suspect, coming under fire on several occasions. Constable Watson challenged and then shot the suspect who fell to the ground still holding his weapon. Then Constable Watson fired another shot at the suspect who dropped his gun. As Watson and Ashmore, who had arrived after the suspect had been shot, covered him Davis approached and handcuffed the suspect.

The brave actions of all three officers were instrumental in preventing danger to members of the public.

Hugh Montgomery ALEXANDER, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary

Paul Ignatius COYLE, Full-time Reserve Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary

For Bravery in Northern Ireland.

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